THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

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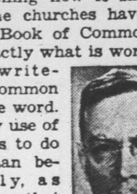
Bible Material: Psalm 24; Ephesians 3: 14-21.

Devotional Reading: Psalm 95:1-7.

We Worship God

Lesson for October 9, 1960

WHAT does "worship" mean? We hear or read the word on all sides. We speak of "Public Worship;" some churches have what is called a "Directory for Worship," a manual telling how it should be done. Some churches have books called a "Book of Common Worship." Exactly what is worship?



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Let us write-off two common uses of the word. One is any use of it that has to do with human beings only, as when we say that a mother worships her child, or a girl worships her lover. This has some meaning, but not what we are after. We also put aside a notion of worship that thinks of it as just the same as what is done in a church between (say) 11 and 12 on Sunday mornings.

What Worship Is Not

What does it mean to worship God? It does not mean to say nice things about him, or to pay him compliments, though this (on a high level) may be a part of worship. There used to be a popular, but irreverent, song, including the words "God is a livin' doll." Now that was a compliment, or intended as such, but it was a long way from worship. For the compliment was a cheap one, and the mood was flippant. The greatness of God was left clear out of sight. Worship, again, is not just the same thing as prayer, although all true worshippers pray. (These lessons will consider prayer in particular in November.) Further, worship is not just reverent thoughts about God. One may think good thoughts about a God one never expects to and never tries to meet.

Worship is the response of human being (or, we may add, an angel) who feels himself to be in the presence of God. What a man does under those circumstances is called an "act of worship." Such an act can be saying something (such as prayer, or the exclamation "Hallelujah!"), or it can be doing something (such as making an offering, or taking the Sacrament). If the words are said, or the act is done, carelessly and without thought of God, with no sense of his nearness and greatness, then there is no worship, there is only an empty form.

A famous 19th-century writer once pointed out two opposite elements in worship. One is attraction and one is fear. The worshipper seeks to be close to God, yet he also cannot help a kind of dread. The Old Testament expression used to be, "Fear God", as well as "Love God." The name for this combination of desire-and-fear is called Awe.

Bible Worship

The 24th Psalm is a good example of an expression of worship, as a long-ago saint experienced it. This Psalm was, of course, first of all a thought, or thoughts, in someone's mind. Then it got written down, and it was sung at Temple services, and in some form or other it has long been read, said and sung in the Christian church. Who knows how many persons have been helped in their own worship by this ancient poem? You will notice (verses 1, 2) a short meditation about God, whose greatness is shown in his created universe. Then (vs.) 3-6 there is a meditation on the kind of person who can truly worship. And finally there is a great welcome-song for the Almighty, the "King of Glory."

The sentence from Ephesians (3: 14-21) bring out Christian worship. For Christian worship is in a class by itself because the Christian understanding of God is, we believe, not only unique but right. God here is acknowledged not only as King and Creator, for Paul as a Jew would take that for granted, but as Father, the Father. Here is prayer, in the form of adoration; here is prayer in the form of request. But note what it is Paul prays for; nothing cheap, nothing selfish, nothing small! Above all, this prayer is for the "fullness of God." But the Christian understands what the "fullness of God" is: it is to know in all its tremendous glory the love of Christ. So for the Christian, to worship Christ is to worship God.

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Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel - Sept. 29.—

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill have been notified of the death of their daughters mother-in-law, Mrs. John Sperry, of Gainesville, Texas.

The young people's B. T. U. class were entertained Saturday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Childers with a shower honoring Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wooden.

Mr. and Mrs. Johhn W. Gunter visited Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler Saturday evening.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Scruggs over the week end were Rev. and Mrs. David Garrett, of Alexandria, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill.

Mrs. Allen Carter visited last week end her mother in the home of her sister Mrs. Furr of Roanoke.

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Fifty-two persons from Galilee, Mount Shiloh and Promise Land Baptist Churches accompaned its pastor, Rev.R. Q. Lawing to the Union Baptist Church in Sparrows Point, Md. last Sunday morning. The service was planned by Mr. Peter Flood a member of No 2 Senior choir and a former member of the Galilee Church. The ocassion was known as "Appomattox Day" in Baltimore. Rev. Lawing was the guest speaker at the morning and 3 P. M. service. Music was rendered at the morning service by the Galilee Choir under the direction of Miss H. B. Stevens and music for the afternoon was rendered by a combined choir of Mount Shiloh and Promise Land churches with Mrs. C. S. Turnner as organist. The Rev. C. O. Cooke, pastor of the Union Baptist Church extended words of welcome and introduced Rev. Lawing. The home choir assisted in the morning worship as the Lords supper was administered. Each member who attended expressed gratification over the trip. Dinner was served to every one who came from Appomattox free. A purse of $110.86 was presented to Rev. Lawing on behalf of the choir and members present.

A special church meeting will be held at the Promise Land Baptist Church this Saturday October 8 at 2:30. All officers and members are requested to be present.

An overflow crowd attended the annual home coming and revival at the new Mount Airy Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor of the church Rev. H. W. Pryor pastor delivered the morning sermon, and the church choir rendered special music. The Dr. C. A. Eubanks delivered the evening sermon. The 8 P. M. sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Morris and his choir from Bedford county. The offering for the day amounted to over $600.00. The Rev. J. P. Rose will be the guest speaker for the week. The public is cordialy invited to attend.

The choir of the Galilee Baptist Church will present the closing activities of its rally on the fifth Sunday evening in this month at 7:30. The Rev. James Franklin and his choir from Second Liberty Baptist Church will render special service.

The public is cordially invited to attend the regular preaching services at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church this Sunday at 11:30 A. M.

Rev. R. Q. Lawing will deliver the annual sermon to the Men's Club of the Mercy Seat Baptist Church this second Sunday at 7:30 P. M.

The public is cordially invited to attend the home-coming service at the Hat Creek Baptist Church of which the Rev. C. A. Marshall is pastor, on the third Sunday in this month at 11:30 A. M. Dinner will be served to all who attend.

News has been received here of the death of Mrs. Otelia Patterson, of Baltimore. Her funeral will be conducted in Baltimore from the Union Baptist Church.

KNOW THE WEATHER

BY E. H. SIMS

Is there any standard form for government weather forecasts? Is it true that these forecasts sometimes dodge the issue of prediciting the weather?

There is no standard form for weather forecasts, as printed in the Nations newspaper which requires a guess on all the points of interests to the average reader.

One day the forecast might mention winds, or on another day the forecast might skip the precipitation question, forecasting only clouds. These "hedges" usually mean the forecasters are uncertain about coming weather.

Critics claim the official forecasters should attempt to cover all points of interests in all forecasts, even if they are often wrong. The idea is that they would be right more than wrong and this would be of some benefit.

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Stonington, Conn. - Voters in Stonington elected three street commissioners and adopted a new borough chartered. The new charter abolished the street commission, effective imemdiately.

Hollywood

Hollywood, Sept. 29.- Miss Dorothy Beasley, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover P. Beasley.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Beasley, Jr. and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley on Sunday.

A number from here attended the revival at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church this week.

Mrs. Florrie White spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. C. E. Franklin, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. David Austin visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goin on Sunday night.

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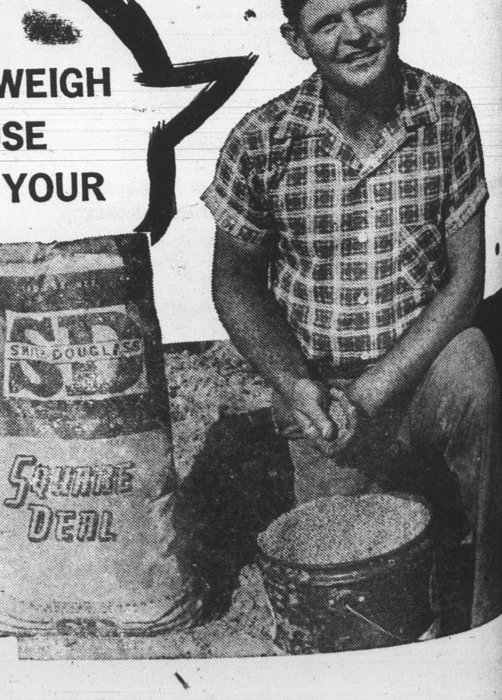

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...from here attended the ... Training Union meeting ... last Monday night.

...a few visited David Almond ...Baptist Hospital last week.

...various organizations met on ...Wednesday night with very ...attendance.

...program for State Missions ...at Church on Thursday ... Not many out for this.

...number from here attended the ...meeting at the Bible Bap...Church at Appomattox last

Mrs. Kate Dingins moved to Appomattox Saturday. We sure did hate to see her move from our Community.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutson Dickerson and Danny of Brookneal spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Ranson and children and Mrs. Vernie Garrett of Amherst were dinner guests Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson and family and Mrs. Mary Inge.

Bobby Jean Harris stuck a nail in his foot while at School last Thursday.

Lewis Harris of Norfolk spent the week end with his wife and children near Evergreen.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Thompson of Waynesboro spent the week end here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ranson.

Emmett Dickins of Washington spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Kate Dingins. Mrs. Jo Almond spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richardson.

NEW REPRESENTATIVE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE IN AREA

Quintus C. (Bud) Irby has been assigned as Field Representative to the Lynchburg, Va. Social Security Administration District Office.

Beginning September 26, 1960 Irby will service the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Buckingham and Nelson. These counties were formely serviced by Donald H. Renner, who recently accepted a postion in the Baltimore, Md. office.

Irby, 29, attended Roanoke College, receiving his B. A. degree in Economics and Business Administration in June 1958. A native of Lynchburg, he has lived in Roanoke, Va. for the past 12 years. In October 1958 he joined the Social Security Administration as a trainee in the Roanoke off ice. He was promoted to Field Representative in August 1960.

He and his wife, the former Jo Anne Keehne of Roanoke, are making their home at 1500 McKinney Avenue in Lynchburg. They have one child, a boy, aged 2.

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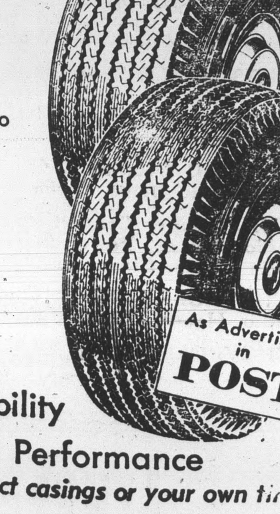

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Some 580 people in the Lynchburg area will become immediately eligible for cash benefits because of their change in the law, including many wives, widows, and dependent husbands and widowers already at or beyond retirement age. First payments to newly eligible persons will be for the month of October.

Under the new rule, persons reaching retirement age (65 for men, 62 for women) this year need only about 3 years of work under social security instead of the 4½ years required by the old law. If you reach retirement age any time next year, you will need to have worker under social security for only 3¼ years instead of the 5 to 5-¼ years required before the change in the law. There is, however a minimum requirement of a year and a half of work under social security-without which no benefits can become payable.

There are a number of people here in Lynchburg who will now be able to get monthly payments as a result of this change.

There is, for example, the lady who called at our office last year just a couple of months before her 62nd birthday. Her husband had died in 1957 after a long illness. She brought with her the stub of his social security card. In checking Mr. R's account, we found that at the time of death he had 2-½ years under Social Security under the old law he would need 3 years of work in order for Mrs. R to qualify for widows' benefits. Under the new law, however, Mr. R would be considered fully insured at the time of death with only 2 years of work under social security. If Mrs.R will visit our office again, we can take her application and get her payments started.

We urge widows like Mrs. R. —as well as workers now at or over retirement age, who have been told in the past that they were not at or over retirement age, who have been told in the past that they were not eligible for payments for lack of work under social security, to visit our office at their earliest convenience, to inquire about their rights. First payments to those newly eligible as a result of this change in the law will be made for the month of October 1960.

In terms of future eligibility, the reduction in the amount of work required means that many more wage earners and their widows and dependent widowers will be able to qualify for social security benefits when they reach retirement age.

Say, for example, that you are a man now 60 and planning to retire at the end of 1965. Under the old law you would have needed a total of about 7 years of work to draw these benefits. Under the new rule you will need only 4-½ years social security employment or self-employment to draw monthly old-age benefits. If you are a 60 year old woman planning retirement in 1962, you need only 3-½ years of work to be eligible for social security.

The new rule for figuring minimum quarters required for fully insured status does not affect the eligibility of young widows and children to draw mother's and children's benefits following the death of a wage earner. The widow and dependent children of a worker can draw social security survivors benefits if the worker has credit for at least a year and a half just before his death.

Remember that social security benefits cannot start until you file a claim with the social security office nearest you. Therefore, if you believe you may be eligible for benefits under this change in the law, visit our office now.

Our district office is at 112 Langhorne Road, Lynchburg, Va., or you may see our representative who is in the Courthouse in Appomattox on the fourth Monday of each month at 10:00 A. M.

HOME GARDENER STILL HAS JOB

It isn't time for the home gardener to take to his armchair.

Horticulturists at VPI say October jobs that need doing include cleaning up the garden and surroundings, seeding cover crops, and fertilizing strawberries.

Here are their timely suggestions: Clean up and destroy all trash and refuse in and around the garden. Trash serves as a winter harboring place for many garden insects.

Seed a cover crop. If fall and winter vegetables remain in the garden, seed cover crops between the rows.

All small fruits, especially strawberries, will benefit from a fall application of a complete fertilizer. For average soils and growing conditions make this application during the first week or so of October.

Remove tops of asparagus after they have quit growing or been killed by frost. Disk beds lightly, but thoroughly. Keep weeds and grass out by frequent cultivation, or by chemicals.

Plant onion sets this month. Plant sets at least 3 inches apart in rows 12 inches apart and 1 inch deep.

Start planning for next year's garden. Make a list of vegetables and varieties grown this year. Write down comments on such things as yield, quality, maturity, etc., and keep them until you are ready to place your order for seed this winter.

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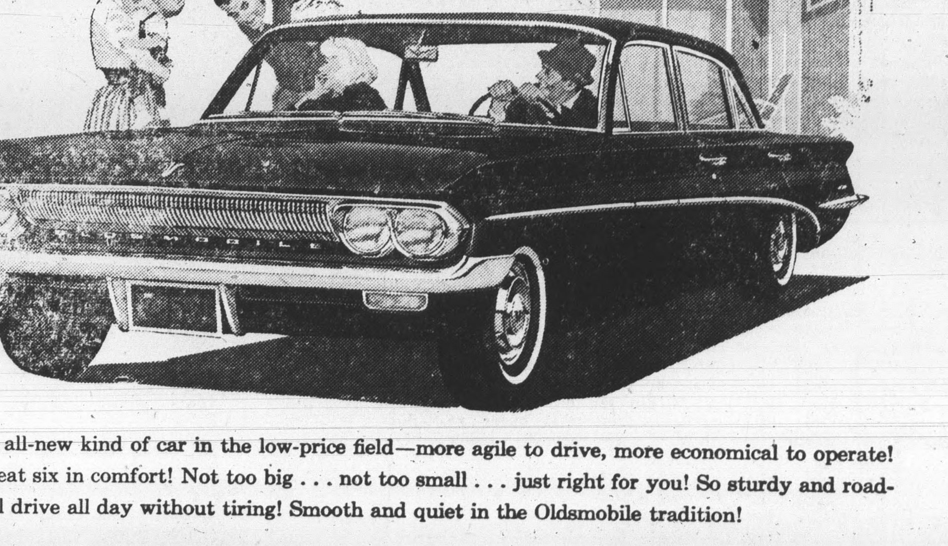

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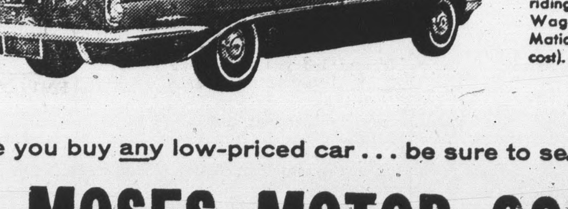

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